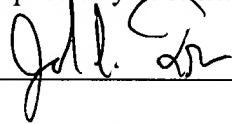


REMARKS

As mentioned above, claim 24 is being amended to correct an inadvertent error in the copying of the claim made in the Examiner's Amendment filed on April 26, 2007. Accordingly, the amendment is not being presented for reasons of patentability as defined in *Festo Corporation v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd.*, 234 F.3d 558, 56 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2000)(*en banc*), *overruled in part*, 535 U.S. 722, 122 S. Ct. 1831 (2002).

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